

KOREAN SOCIAL WORK GRAD STUDENTS VISIT LACDMH
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On Friday, August 23, 2013, a group of 10 social work graduate students and their professors from Sungshil University in Korea came and spent time at the headquarters of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). The two professors and eight students, some of whom are CEOs at nonprofit social work agencies in Korea, learned about LACDMH's programs and services so they could develop similar ones in Korea, too.

LACDMH's Jung Ahn, M.S.W. (Mental Health Services Coordinator) and Karen Lee, M.D. (Regional Medical Director, Adult System of Care) shared information about LACDMH, answering any questions the group had.

Ahn thoroughly described numerous programs and services provided to the community (e.g. FSP, FCCS, ISM, EOB, ACCESS, etc.). She also explained the relationship LACDMH has with its contracted providers, including providers who serve the local Korean community. The group learned about LACDMH's All Faith Network Meeting that was established to reach out to the faith-based community, including Korean churches. During the brief meeting, Dr. Lee spoke about the Adult System of Care, what conservatorship is, and information on the county's urgent care service.

The information provided to the visiting group was translated from English into Korean by the Cultural Competency/Translation and Interpretation Services Unit.

